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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Christa M. Thorpe

Applicant : Ronald Eyre, et al.  
Application No. : 10/079,293  
Filed : February 20, 2002  
Title : CUTTING ELEMENT [As Amended]  
Grp./Div. : 3672  
Examiner : Hoang C. Dang  
Docket No. : 47920/CM/M277

Confirmation No. 7553

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March 9, 2005

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	34	*33	1	x \$25.00	1 x \$50.00	\$50.00
Independent Claims	9	** 10	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$50.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					\$50.00
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 9, 16, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40 and 41						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						

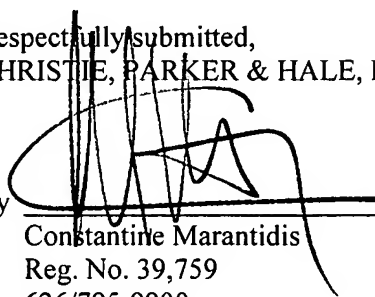
X \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is our check for \$50.00 to pay the fees calculated above.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other enclosures:

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

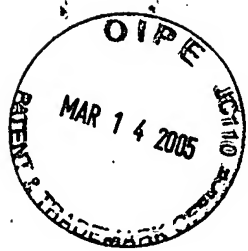
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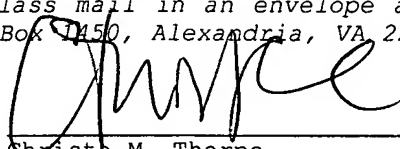


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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Commissioner:

This is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 14 of this paper and include an attached new drawing sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.